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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PERP, KU, NARR, LE, LY

SUBJECT: QUESTION OF FURTHER KUWAITI SUPPORT FOR ADF

REF: KUWAIT 0879

1. HISTORY OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN LEBANON HAS BEEN TO SUPPORT RADICAL, REJECTIONIST PALESTINIANS WITHOUT REGARD TO LEBANESE INTERESTS. LIBYAN POLICY HAS NOT, THEREFORE, BEEN CONDUCIVE TO EITHER MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS OR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN LEBANON.

2. TO EXTENT THAT LIBYA IS FINANCIER OF ADF IN LEBANON PRESSURE ON SYRIA TO ABANDON ITS ESSENTIALLY MODERATE AND HELPFUL ROLE WILL BE INCREASED. WE DO NOT THINK THIS IS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, IN LIGHT OF SOME REPORTS COMING OUT OF ALGIERS "STEADFASTNESS FRONT" CONFERENCE, IT MAY HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.

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3. SABAH AL-AHMAD MAY HAVE BEEN JOKING, BUT MATTER IS VERY SERIOUS. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY KUWAIT MAKE CLEAR TO KUWAITIS THAT SUPPORT OF MODERATE ARAB STATES, INCLUDING KUWAIT, FOR ADF IS NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. KUWAIT HAS PLAYED CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN LEBANON SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ADF, AND CONTINUATION OF

THIS ROLE WILL SERVE ARAB AND KUWAITI LONG-TERM INTEREST.

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